Disposal of applications for renewal of grants-in-aid.

68. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that orders on applications for renewal of grants-in-aid under Section 147 of the *Education Code* are passed only after long delay; and

(*b*) that such long delay is causing very great hardship to the poor grant-in-aid school teachers?

MR K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government are aware that sometimes there is delay in the disposal of applications for renewal of grants; but, in view of the large number of such applications and of the fact that they have to be reported on by the Inspecting Officers after inspection of the schools before final orders can be passed by the sanctioning authority, a certain amount of delay in the disposal of applications and consequently in the disbursement of grant is unavoidable. However, when once the grant memos are issued, grants are regularly disbursed if the managers fulfil the conditions imposed in the memos sanctioning grants. Specific instances of delay in disbursing grant-in-aid will be enquired into if they are reported to the authorities. The question of minimising the delay in the matter is also being considered by the Director.

Admission to the S. M. T. School.

69. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received for admission in the Sri Mulam Technical School;

(*b*) the number admitted;

(*c*) the number of applications rejected;

(*d*) the qualifications prescribed for entrance into the school;

(*e*) the age-limit fixed for admission; and

(*f*) the other conditions for eligibility?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 253.

(*b*) 30.

(*c*) 223.

(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) Rule 13 of the Rules relating to the working and constitution of the school contains the information required. It * is laid on the table.

School Final Examination Results.

70. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances under which they issued the supplementary lists of passed students of the School Final Examination this year and the last year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The eligibility of holders of our English School Leaving Certificates to University courses of study is determined by the rules and directions issued by the University of Madras. These rules provide for the appointment of a Moderation Board by the Syndicate to consider what are known as

* *Vide* Appendix X—page 144.

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'hard cases'. This Moderation Board frames special rules to determine the eligibility of candidates belonging to the category of 'hard cases' and the names of the pupils who become eligible in accordance with these special rules are published in a supplementary list. Such supplementary lists were published both this year and last year.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Cannot these hard cases be considered by the Moderation Board before the publication of the examination results?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Moderation Board is that of the Madras University. The Board is not here.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Why were not these hard cases sent to Madras before the publication of the results, for consideration by the Moderation Board there?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was not possible to do so.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Before 1928 and 1929, were there hard cases to be considered by the Moderation Board?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe in 1927 also we had such cases.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Were there hard cases before that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I have no information.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Do such hard cases arise in Madras?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; they do.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Have they published a supplementary list this year in Madras?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They have.

Agricultural Inspector, Kottarakara.

71. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the functions of the Assistant Inspector and the Headmaster in the Agricultural Farm and School at Kottarakara;

(*b*) the jurisdiction over which the Inspector has to perform his duty; and

(*c*) the amount of work done by him in the villages?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There s no Assistant Inspector in the Farm at Kottarakara. An Agricultural Sub-Inspector is in charge of the Farm and conducts all farm works. The duty of the Headmaster of the Agricultural School is to teach the students theoretical and practical agriculture.

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